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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 81 to 96: *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139 and A/C.1/63/L.45); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.6, A/C.1/63/L.8, A/C.1/63/L.9, A/C.1/63/L.10, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16*, A/C.1/63/L.17, A/C.1/63/L.19, A/C.1/63/L.20, A/C.1/63/L.21, A/C.1/63/L.22, A/C.1/63/L.23, A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.26, A/C.1/63/L.27, A/C.1/63/L.28, A/C.1/63/L.29, A/C.1/63/L.30, A/C.1/63/L.31, A/C.1/63/L.32, A/C.1/63/L.33, A/C.1/63/L.34, A/C.1/63/L.35, A/C.1/63/L.36, A/C.1/63/L.37, A/C.1/63/L.38, A/C.1/63/L.39*, A/C.1/63/L.40, A/C.1/63/L.41, A/C.1/63/L.43, A/C.1/63/L.44, A/C.1/63/L.51, A/C.1/63/L.52, A/C.1/63/L.54, A/C.1/63/L.56, A/C.1/63/L.57 and A/C.1/63/L.58); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164, A/63/178, A/C.1/63/L.13, A/C.1/63/L.15, A/C.1/63/L.24, A/C.1/63/L.42, A/C.1/63/L.46, A/C.1/63/L.49, A/C.1/63/L.50, A/C.1/63/L.53); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp. 42)*, A/63/177, A/63/279, A/C.1/63/L.47, A/C.1/63/L.48); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93* (A/C.1/63/L.31); *item 94* (A/63/138 and A/C.1/63/L.18); *item 95* (A/63/124 and A/C.1/63/L.55); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.2 and A/C.1/63/CRP.4]

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1. Thematic discussion on the issue of Regional disarmament and security

   Panellists

   Chief of the Regional Disarmament Branch; and Directors of the three United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament

2. Thematic discussion on the issue of disarmament machinery

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting session on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

A drafting session on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 24 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). For further information, including background materials, please consult the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 October 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 24 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/63/20) . . . . [28]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.2/Rev.1

2. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

   General debate

Second Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "Globalization and health"

Chair

H.E. Ms. Uche Joy Ogwu (Nigeria), Chairperson of the Second Committee

Moderator

Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, The Earth Institute, Professor of Sustainable Development and Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University, New York

Panellists

Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization

H.E. Mr. Luvuyo Ndimeni, Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, Geneva

Dr. Nils Daulaire, President and Chief Executive Officer, Global Health Council

Dr. Daniel Halperin, Lecturer on International Health, Harvard School of Public Health

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 24th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/271 and A/63/288) . . . . . [64 (b)]

Presentations by and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

3–6 p.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/292 and A/63/313) . . . . . [64 (b)]

Presentations by and dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Special Rapporteur on the right to education

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/62/521, A/62/521/Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25 and A/61/357))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Information and communication technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Corr.1, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/487, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140 and A/63/140/Add.1))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (A/63/118 and A/63/118/Corr.1) . . . [76]

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (A/63/121) . . . . . [77]

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission . . . . [73]

Report by the Chairperson of the Working Group

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

Report by the Chairperson of the Working Group

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

3–4 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/C.6/63/L.7 and A/C.6/63/L.8) [129]

Report by the Chairperson of the Working Group

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 75 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session) will be discussed from Monday, 27 October, to Tuesday, 4 November. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Administration of justice
2. Executive session
3. Administrative matters

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Second regular session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 24 October 2008

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

9.30–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Missing persons" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

9.30–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Friday, 24 October 2008

African Group (Fifth Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working group on Human Rights (on NAM draft resolutions)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

Group of the Landlocked Developing Countries (at the expert level)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-0770

International Criminal Court (informal consultations on the Court's 2009 budget)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Brainstorming session on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (General Assembly) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-765

Other activities

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Friday, 24 October 2008

Panel discussion on "Seizing the moment: Breakthrough measures to build a new East West consensus on weapons of mass destruction" (co-organized by the East West Institute and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, in cooperation with the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), the Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) and the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security)

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[The keynote address will be given by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail UNODA-web@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its *Trade and Development Report 2008*

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing on the report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, entitled "Protecting Persons with Disabilities from Torture" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "The United Nations Human Rights Defenders Declaration after ten years: Protecting rights in a changing world" (organized by Human Rights First, the International Service for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Norway)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Azin Tadjdini, Permanent Mission of Norway (tel. 1 (212) 310-1549; e-mail azta@mfa.no).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

10.15 a.m. . . . . Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

11.15 a.m. . . . . Mr. Sergio Duarte, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs; H.E. Mr. Sergey Kislyak, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States and an expert on weapons of mass destruction; Mr. Max Kampelman, Former Head of the Delegation of the United States to the US-Soviet Nuclear and Space Arms Negotiations; and Mr. John Mroz, President of the EastWest Institute (on a new initiative to break the logjam on nuclear non-proliferation)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

3 p.m. . . . . Ms. Raquel Rolnik, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

Press stakeout (outside Conference Room 8)

Afternoon[1] . . . . . Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General; Mr. Kemal Dervis, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme; and Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (to hold a press encounter)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the meeting of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

General Assembly
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Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

An Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The panellists invited are Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (United States), Dr. François Houtart (Belgium), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India) and Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 October 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 27 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 31st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [80]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/276)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.6)
2. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/312) . . . . . [104 (a)]
3. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/107) . . . . . [105 (g)]
4. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations . . . . . [109]

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers for the thematic segment of the Committee's work (14–27 October) are kindly requested to contact Mr. Renato Monteiro (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; e-mail monteiror@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers on agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be sent to Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

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Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 27 October 2008
10 a.m.

Mr. Arjun Sengupta, Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development (oral report); Mr. Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; and Mr. Cephas Lumina, Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

3 p.m.

Mr. Walter Kalin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons; Mr. Anand Grover, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Monday, 3 November 2008
10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 12th meeting on Monday, 27 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 12th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan (agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on Biological Diversity (CDB) (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The right to food" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 10 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17, entitled "Indigenous issues" (under agenda item 61) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (under agenda item 67 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Moratorium on the use of the death penalty" (under item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Wednesday 29 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C..

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Information meeting on the draft resolution entitled "Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights" (under agenda item 61) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 10 to 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal meeting for delegations on the draft omnibus resolution under agenda item 39 (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing by the Bureau of the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests on the Open-ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework (Vienna, 10–14 November 2008)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.15 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (917) 367-3265; e-mail tavora-jainchill@un.org).]

Briefing on the humanitarian consequences of the tragic events of 8 August 2008 (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For furhter information, please contact Mr. Grigory Lukiyantsev, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation (tel. 1 (212) 861-4900 or 517-7834).]

Briefing on the outcome of the Country-Led Initiative on Financing for Sustainable Forest Management, in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (organized by the Permanent Mission of Suriname)

Monday, 27 October 2008, from 1.45 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact H.E. Mr. Henry L. Mac Donald, Permanent Mission of Suriname (tel. 1 (212) 826-0660).]

Open-ended consultations on a regional meetings series in follow-up to the Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs)

Tuesday, 28 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vera Hanus, Conventional Arms Branch (tel. 1 (917) 367-9254; e-mail hanus@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Second Committee

14th meeting

Poverty eradication and other development issues . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee began its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Acting Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) responded to the question and comments made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), China, Tunisia, Bangladesh, the United States, Morocco, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, India, Mozambique, Jordan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Israel.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairperson (Guyana).

15th meeting

Poverty eradication and other development issues . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Swaziland, Saint Lucia, Armenia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Botswana, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Togo, Mongolia, Brazil, Thailand, Pakistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cameroon, Eritrea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea and Kuwait.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairperson (Belarus).

Thursday, 23 October 2008

Security Council

6000th meeting

Peace and Security in Africa

Note verbale dated 3 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/635)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited H.E. Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, and the representative of Eritrea, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Eritrea.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Burkina Faso, Belgium, Italy, the United Kingdom, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Croatia, Costa Rica, Viet Nam, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Panama and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of China.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

16th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96".

The Chairman opened the thematic discussion on the disarmament machinery.

The meeting was suspended in order to hear statements by the President of the Conference on Disarmament, the Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Commission, the Chairman of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), in an informal setting.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR and associated States), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and Qatar (on behalf of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)).

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) ("Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (decision)") ("United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament").

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The meeting was suspended for the Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the 2008 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

15th meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [32]

General debate

The Committee concluded its general debate on this item with statements by the representatives of Bahrain, Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tunisia and Uruguay.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Field Support made a statement.

Interactive dialogue

The Committee held a closed interactive dialogue with representatives of the Secretariat.

Second Committee

16th meeting

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items and heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Information and communication technologies for development . . . . . [46]

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard introductory statements by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the Senior Public Information and Liaison Officer of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

An interactive discussion ensued during which the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, responded to the comment made and question posed by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and

Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Tunisia, China, India, Senegal, Morocco, Bahrain, Belarus and Brazil.

A statement was made by the representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana) and the Secretary.

Third Committee

22nd meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Myanmar, Argentina, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Japan, Australia, France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Czech Republic and Thailand.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of the United Kingdom, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Japan, the United States, the Czech Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and France (on behalf of the European Union).

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Israel, Lebanon, France (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba and the Sudan, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

23rd meeting

The summary of the 23rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/209).

Fifth Committee

11th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Investigations/Procurement Task Force

The Director of External Audit of France and Chairman of the Audit Operations Committee of the Board of Auditors introduced the report of the Board of Auditors (A/63/167).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/63/329).

The Director of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/369, A/63/167/Add.1 and A/63/329/Add.1).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/331).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/490 and A/63/492).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Singapore, the United States and the Russian Federation.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Thursday, 23 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Barbara Kaudel (Austria).

Sixth Committee

13th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [78]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Afghanistan, Cameroon, Algeria and Malaysia.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the agenda item.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [76]

The Committee began the consideration of agenda item 76.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of CANZ), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate country The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Montenegro; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the declaration), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Switzerland, the Sudan, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Japan, the United

Kingdom, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Qatar.

The representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic spoke in the exercise of the right of reply.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. New York, 4 December 1989

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (23 October 2008)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Colombia (22 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 23 October 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-second session
A/62/PV.104	Meeting held on 10 June 2008, 6 p.m. [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-third session
A/63/5/Add.1/Corr.1	Financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and Report of the Board of Auditors — United Nations Development Programme — Chapter IV, Financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2007, page 129 [E (only)]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/278*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/348*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R (only)]
A/63/365*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/471	Item 69 — Report of the International Criminal Court — Expenses incurred and reimbursement received by the United Nations in connection with assistance provided to the International Criminal Court — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/478	Items 27 and 118 — Effects of atomic radiation — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Financial and administrative implications of increased membership of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, staffing of the professional secretariat of the Scientific Committee and methods to ensure sufficient, assured and predictable funding — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/480–S/2008/650	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 14 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/481–S/2008/651	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 14 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/488	Item 109 — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Letter dated 14 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/491	Item 8 — General debate — Note verbale dated 29 September 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/63/492 Items 117 and 128 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Information requested in paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 62/247 — Information-sharing practices between the United Nations and national law enforcement authorities, as well as referrals of possible criminal cases related to United Nations staff, United Nations officials and experts on mission — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

First Committee

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